

REMARKS

By this supplemental preliminary amendment, the specification has been amended to indicate that the international application, PCT International Patent Application No. PCT/JP01/01018 filed on February 14, 2001, was published under PCT Article 21(2) in Japanese.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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APPENDIX  
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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the inserted first paragraph.

--This application is a continuation of PCT International Patent Application No.

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